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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER

REF: TEL AVIV 7227

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

PLEASE GIVE RABIN FOLLOW-
ING IN RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE ON AMBASSADOR MURPHY'S CON-
SULTATIONS HERE:

1. AMBASSADOR MURPHY WAS CALLED BACK TO BE BRIEFED ON OUR
VIEWS OF THE SITUATION IN THE WAKE OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT
AND TO CONTRIBUTE HIS UNDERSTANDING OF SYRIAN VIEWS TO OUR
THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN IN THE
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. AS PRIME MINISTER RABIN KNOWS, WE DO
NOT BELIEVE THE SITUATION CAN BE ALLOWED TO DRIFT.

2. BOTH ISRAEL AND THE US ALSO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE
RENEWAL OF THE UNDOF MANDATE, AND IT WAS NATURAL THAT WE
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SHOULD WANT TO TALK WITH OUR AMBASSADOR AT A TIME WHEN THE

SYRIANS WILL BE MAKING THEIR DECISION.

3. WE AGREE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS

TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, AND WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO CONSULT FULLY ON MATTERS OF STRATEGY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THAT IS WHY WE INVITED PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO COME TO WASHINGTON THIS MONTH AND WHY WE REGRET THAT HE CANNOT COME AS SOON AS WE HAD HOPED. WE REGRET THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP IS NOT SUCH THAT WE CANNOT CONSULT WITH OUR AMBASSADORS WITHOUT HAVING THE INFERENCE DRAWN THAT WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF IGNORING ISRAEL'S INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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